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under occupation URGENT

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We need your support

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We will be staging a sit in over the weekend from Friday at 5 pm.

Please support your local centre. Come and join us any time!

The following would be most welcome:

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PUBLIC MEETING

Greater Govan Campaign for Jobs and Services

Monday 6th of May

at 6pm

at Kinning Park Neighbourhood Centre

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*CLARION**...A CALL TO THE COMMUNITY TO USE THE PAPER AS YOUR VOICE.

Betrayer or betrayed!!



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IT WON'T BE ALL SUGAR AND SPICE BUT THINK OF THE FUN YOU COULD HAVE CHASING UP OUR RESPECTIVE COUNCILLORS. HEAD TEACHERS, CONSTABULARLY THE PROSPECTS ARE ENDLESS -IN FINDING OUT WHAT THEY ARE DOING FOR OUR LITTLE PATCH HERE IN KINNING PARK.

COME ALL YES



M.P. Mike Watson and Baillie Butt were alongside the local people in support of keeping a valuable asset open-the question to be asked? What is the role of a Councillor and community worker in 1996

Well, its finally happened! Kinning Park Neighbourhood Centre closed on Friday the 3rd of May 1996. The ambitious plan proposed by the Management Committee and Scotland in Europe had promise and if allowed we would have done our damndest to make it work. But,the 'powers that be' did not give it a chance but suggested that we try again in six weeks time. We are not at all hopeful and it would come as no suprise if buyers are not already waiting in the wings to snap up the centre, which by rights is your centre(Previously sold Lambhill Court building-monies?)



Photograph courtesy of the Evening Times



Believe me,once these facilities have gone, they will never return. Councillors have been threatening for years to take K. Park out of the 'area of priority' which means no longer will Kinning Park be elligible for Urban Aid funding for Community Projects. However, you can sit back and watch your neighbours enjoy projects galore while you help to pay for them. One area of priority is Gorbals<Govan is another. What categary do you think Kinning Park comes under?

Are you the fat cats of the South Side! with no shops and and now no amenities!!

Cllr.Lavelle, who recently retired told us he was 'stabbed in the back over theuse of the Kingston hall, and the people responsible were his fellow councillors, perhaps the same councillors who signed the papers to authorise the closure of your centre.

This campaign has a Nasty Smell about it.

"SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE ...MAY 26th 7.00 p.m. Kinning Park Church.

You are all invited to take part in a rock service

in Kinning Park Church.

If you haven't been to church before , or haven't been for a longtime,

or you think going to church is not your scene-

good company it will be an experience not to be missed.

Kinning Park Parish Church, Eaglesham Place, Glasgow.

Everyone is welcome so come along, you will enjoy yourself - See you there!



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Sunday 26th May at 7.00pm

Diary of events-re Kinning Park Neighbourh	od Centre Closure and Eviction of the 400 users
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- 14.3.96 Rumour of closure
- 15.3.96 Petition raised by Users which was signed almost immediately by 500-600 local people.
- 21.3.96 Petition handed into City Chambers for the attention of Councillor S.Butt
- 27.3.96 Official Notification by J.Smernicki, C.E. Worker, to some groups.
- 2.4.96 Discussion took place amongst users.
- 3.4.96 M.P. Mike Watson and Councillor.S.Butt asked for their support to overturn the closure decision. Kinning Park Community Newspaper alerted the remaining users and the Local Community about the closure and the "Save the Neighbourhood Centre Users Meeting" Tuesday 9th April 1996.
- 9.4.96 Despite it being the week of the Easter Holiday over 40 Parents. Friends and Users attended.
 M.P. Mike Watson and Councillor S. Butt Present -No application from Community Education.
- 12.4.96 Official Closure due Friday Extension arranged through M.P.in contact with Comm. Education Dept.
- 6.4.96 Management Committee met with M.P. M.P. had invited J.Smerneki Com. Educ.

Recommendations that if group could produce a viable proposal there would be consideration given to the Centre remaining open.

Evening Times carried the story Nationally.

- 18.4.96 Contact by 'Scotland in Europe Arts Drama Group' and a 'representative of Cardonald College, came in response to the article in the Evening Times.
- 19.4.96 Positive meeting between 'Scotland in Europe' and the Management Committee re-sponsorship deal.
- M.P. and Councillor advised of contacts made and discussions held to date.
- 21.4.96 Meeting between M.P. Scotland in Europe and Management Committee.
- 22.4.96 Community Council Meeting —J. Smernicki heard the Councillors objections to proposed closures

M.P. and Councillor make further contact with Cardonald College-an interested party is Langside College.

Second week of meetings, informal and formal by representatives of the users groups as to what action can be taken. Evening Times run another story on behalf of users.

- 26.4.96 Further to their meeting the Community Council met with the M.P. to register objection to closure.
- 27,4.96 Rally organised to show the strength of feeling about proposals to close the only two facilities available to local
- people Eighty Children and Adults marched between the centres accompanied by M.P. and Councillor under the auspices of the Local police. Evening Times covered the event.

More meetings were held between all interested parties

- 30.4.96 Management meet with 'Scotland in Europe 'to finalise the proposal to keep the centre open.
 - Evening Times ran headlines of that sponsorship deal which could 'Save the Centre.
- 2.5.96 Property services Official left by the Comm.Educ and Education Dept to state that the deal was unsatisfactory and the centre would close on the Friday 3.4.96 present Management representatives and Scotland in Europe.
- 2.5.96 Management meeting held to discuss future plans. Property Services Official had given a lifeline by asking the Committee to produce an improved deal for six weeks time.
- 3.5.96 Various users met and agreed a way of raising the profile of objection to the closure was through a 'Sit -in' Keys handed over to Property Service by Community Education. Centre officially closed!!
- 5.5.96 The 'Sit -in' has been supported by local people through their visits and donations.





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YOUNG AT HEART PAGE/FEATURES CHILDRENS SPORTS PRIZE QUIZ

FIVE QUESTIONS;(1) He lost against Mike Tyson in Las Vegas ,but is still Britians No 1Heavyweight?

Name the Boxer?

(2) He is the Manager of Scotlands under 21 Soccer team

Name the Gentleman.?

(3) Dundee born former World and Commonwealth 10,000mtrs Ladies Champion?

Name the Lady?

(4) Scotlands' former Rugby Captain now playing American Football?

Name the Gentleman?

(5) Williams Racing Team have a new partner for Damon Hill?

Name the Formula One racing Driver?

Answers in a sealed down envelope with your Name ,Age and Address and your Favourite Sportsperson and Sport. First two all correct entries will receive a prize Closing date 31st May 96

Mark entries "K.P.C.N. Sports Quiz " Send or hand in entries to Lorne St Primary School. Good Luck."



Which swimming stroke is the oldest? There is a famous Egyptian hieroglyph showing a type of front crawl which would date it around 4000years old

The first Olympic Games to feature swimming were held in 1896 and competitors swam in the Bay of Zea near the Greek port of Piraeus. This year the modern Olympics are to be held in Atlanta, Capital of Georgia.. What have they and your local swimming enthuiasts got in common-to date all are classed as amateurs and all attempt to do a P.B. ...personal best during their event.

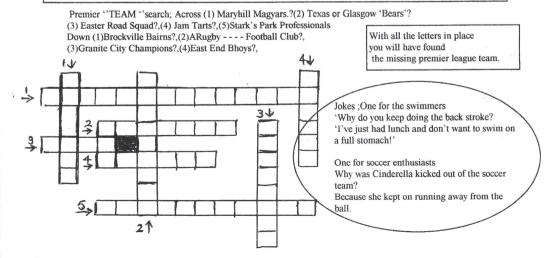
The young ladies from the 56th Girl Guides swam P.B.S'in the heats and found themselves selected to represent the South West Companies at the County Swimming Gala. All the swimmers ,Gillian Brown,Gale Edwards and Leanne Rooney gained a lot from the experience. While Eilidh Riddle proved she was worthy of her selection by coming first and winning a medal.

You can meet up with those girls and learn what else they take part in at the start of the Girl Guides session on the first Tuesday in September.1996. (more information in a future edition)

Lorne St.Primary School is host to a swimming club on a Monday evening
Many of the club members have learned to swim from an early age and now compete regularly at Galas.
Throughout the year the individual can pick up points towards winning for their club a Trophy.
The top three swimmers receive medals with the 4th 5th and 6th gaining ribbons.

C.E.S.Inter-Club Gala on the first of May featured Laura Steel B.Group, Rebecca Strath C.Grp. Pamela Hill and Cameron Steel D.Grp.all covering the required distance of fifty metres backstroke in creditable times.

The next event will take place at Church St. Pool on Sunday 19 th May at 2.00p.m. Straight finals four fastest in each age....Come on Gran, Grandad and all the family give them your support...





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PARENT POWER!

cotland has had a rerr outburst of parents and bairns daein their own impersonation of Super Power Teenage Ninja Turtle Radges protesting agin school closures and Labour party hypocrisy.

Dundee

20 campaigners against school closure staged a token occupation of Linlathen High, one of the secondary schools threatened with closure, in Dundee on Tuesday 30th April. They occupied the school for several hours, ending at midnight. Police were called in and threatened parents that, not only would they be arrested, but their children would be taken in care.

On Saturday 4th May, antischool closure campaigners staged a May Day demonstration round the Fintry estate before marching into town and linking up with the "official" May Day demo organised by the Trades Council. Despite the fact that they made up at least half the numbers attending, and despite support from both the official speakers at the rally - a Liverpool docker and Julie Affionu Southey, a Nigerian democracy campaigner - they were refused permission to speak by the Trades Council, who had objected to chants of "Labour and Tory just

One parent, Kerreen Taylor, jumped up to speak anyway, but the Trades Council officials turned off the loudspeaker system. Relying on the power of her own lungs, Kerreen went on to tell a cheering crowd "The fight goes on!"

On May 16 the fight did indeed go on as demonstrators halted an Education Committee meeting in Dundee City Chambers. At one point a fire alarm went off, disturbing proceedings.

Glasgow

As we go to press local parents and weans are gathering all over Glasgow for a massive victory parade.

Of 22 schools due to be cut, only two are now to do so after parents, teachers and weans gave their consent. 14 have been saved outright with 7 using the opting out process to stop the council closing them.

More than any other issue the school closure issue has highlighted the deceit and hypocrisy of Glasgow councillors. Firstly only £4.3 million was needed to save the schools which the councillors said they didnae huv. Oh aye, what about the estimated £12 million Glasgow City Council is gonnae make by selling off Strathclyde House and other assets. How come that money was not included in any budget plans? Glasgow citizens are demanding to know: Where has our twelve million pounds gone?

Also another strange fact - four of the seven schools the council are most adamant aboot closing just happen to be along the route of the proposed M74. Do they think we are stupid. These are the schools that remain under occupation and are pursueing the opting out process.

Save Our Schools has been an incredible fight for justice supported by all campaign groups in Glasgow.

For details contact: Dundee: 01382-814922

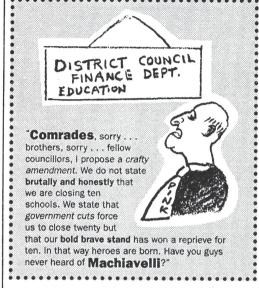
Dundee: 01382-814922 Glasgow: 0141-552 6773

Other news:

7,000 letters of protest have just been handed in to East Ayrshire Council protesting against the threatened closure of 5 primary schools and 1 secondary.

Late News:

2 parents arrested at Education Committee protest at City Chambers. Held in notorious Stewart Street police Station in Glasgow. For further details phone Save Our Schools.



Who's to blame?

Whenever misrule grabs State power and keeps in bond the nation. the foremost of its great misdeeds are cuts in education for learning is a noble thing and in its grand pursuit we throw old prejudice aside and seek to find the Truth. So those who shut our school-house doors do so with vile intent. be they local councillors or a gangster government, they'll blame each other endlessly for crimes they common share, conveniently forgetting that two must make a pair. Now who are the bigger vandals the louts who burn our schools or the soundrels who just close them down according to the rules?

F. Anderson



photocopy! distribute! contribute!

No ifs, no Butts, no Kinning Park Cuts

On Friday 3rd May, user groups of Kinning Park Neighbourhood Centre in Glasgow began a sit-in of the officially closed centre.

A rota of local people, club members & others demonstrating solidarity has been organised, on a 24 hour, 7 day week basis. Local people involved in After School Care, Mothers & Toddlers, youth football & the F.U.N. Badminton group have defied efforts of professional Community Education Workers to try and shut off electricity supplies and involve the police, as on 17th May.

At a public meeting on Monday 6th May, we agreed to continue the occupation, and "Save Our Schools" speakers from Netherton (Castlemilk), Greenfield (Govan) primary schools who were threatened with closure, and won victories through their own occupations, supported our fight. Support also has come from Kvarnaer Shop Stewards, West Dunbartonshire Against the Cuts, James Kelman, the "Scotland in Europe' cultural group, the SNP-led Govan Camorus and "Scotland in Europe' cultural group.

paign against Cuts in Jobs & Services, and anarchists involved in user groups and school occupations.

At the 'Save Our School' demonstration on Sat 11th May, Donna Murray, Kinning Park spokesperson, said that the local Councillor, businessman, Shaukat Butt, had denied being aware of the implications of the Labour Group's Cuts policy when he voted with all the other Labour Councillors for the 'package' which had been outlined in mid-March. She said this only proved his incompetence, lack of accountability, and his subservience to the plan of Councillors Gaughan & Sarwar to trade off keeping St. Gerard's open at the expense of Summerton & Govan Neighbourhood (Hills Trust) Centres in Govan and Kinning Park Neighbourhood Centre. After the decision to reprieve St. Gerard's on Friday 17th May, users at Hills Trust & possibly Summerton were planning similar action to us at Kinning Park. Groups like the A.A. in Summerton have already been told no move to St. Gerard's is possible in their case.

No Divide & Rule

Although MPs Mike Watson & Ian Davidson have been trying to rescue the Labour Party's credibility by stating their support for a selfmanaged centre with charitable status, this has more to do with the Watson v. Sarwar re-run selection contest than a rediscovered concern for community centres run by and for local people. The Kinning park users welcome the victory for schools prepared to fight for local amenities and encourage St. Bonaventures, Levern and other schools to continue their sit-ins, started after 15th May, However, reprieve for schools shouldn't be at the expense of quite different community facilities.

You can call in at the Centre, opposite Kinning Park Underground, Cornwall St., off Paisley Rd. West 9am-11 pm, or tel 427-9775. Those, in solidarity, who wish to volunteer for the rota are welcome. On Sunday afternoons, 3-6pm 'unplugged' musicians, writers perform, in solidarity, come along, donations welcome.

OUR LAND

BRAZIL: On April 17th at least 19 people where murdered by police at Elderado de Carajas, Para state in Brazil. They where amongst thousands of landless peasants who had been waiting for buses in which the Para local government had promised to transport them to talks with representatives of the National Institute of Colonisation and Agrarian Reform. The buses duly arrived, filled with armed police who opened fire on the peasants.

For details contact: Nicaragua Solidarity Network, 339 Lafayette Street. New York

LONDON: On 8th May campaigners from *The Land is Ours* moved into an old distillery and oil depot on York Road, SW11. They intend to create a sustainable village there in order to highlight the positive uses that derilict sites can be put to. Guiness PLC, the owners of the site, want them off. Your support is needed.

Contact: The Land is Ours, East Oxford Community Centre Princes Street, Oxford, OX4 IDD.

End of the phoney war?

One of RAM74s (Residents against the M74) main advantages is that it is miles ahead of the road planners.

No date has been given for the M74 construction to start. No funding arrangements have been agreed. No tendering for contracts has taken place.

Meanwhile RAM74 activists feel they and their communities are battle ready. We have the means, skills, local and national support necessary to sustain us through a long struggle.

Local people were aware that as of April 1st the council would attempt to start the preparatory work for the road. The feed back indicates this is indeed happening.

Council proposals include:

In Oatlands: knocking down empty tenements

In Prospecthill: an Asda is being planned - this will lead to job losses in local businesses and does nothing to compensate for the loss of 40 per cent green land in Toryglen and the destruction of up to 28 homes if the motorway goes ahead. In Castlemilk: homes, schools and trees are to be knocked down to create a slip road.

Schools in our comunities are to be closed down creating prime development sites along the route of the motorway.

In Govanhill: a "Route Action Plan" has been announce to help reduce congestion. This plan has fooled nobody and is seen for what it is -a plan to turn Govanhill into a massive slip road connecting the M77 and the proposed M74.

Each of these proposals has met with considerable resistance from residents and/or retailers with protests ranging from lobbying to occupations to roof protests. All concerned are aware of the bigger picture behind each plan - the proposed ten lane five mile long M74 motorway. The Councillors of course deny any such connection.

Activists are now assessing all incoming data. It is only a matter of time before RAM74 declares that the phoney war is over - and the campaign proper begun. Watch this space!

For details phone 0141-424 1797

NEWSFLASH

Council by-election in Toryglen due to sudden death of sitting councillor. Toryglen is in the heartland of the M74 struggle, with local people also involved in saving schools and fighting toxic waste.

For details contact RAM74.

cothron

Cothrom (pronounced Kochrom) is Gaello for Justice. We have chosen this name to show our respect for our many sister groups in England, in particular the Justice? group who co-ordinate the Schnews Newslet-

Justice? can be contacted on 01273 685913.

Write to Justice/Cothrom c/o Solidarity Centre, 3 Royal Exchange Court, Glasgow G1 3PA.

Send five first class stamps for the next five issues.

LISTINGS

Sustainable Europe Tour
25-26 May. Final planning, banner
making, funky brain wave
swapping scenario in Talamh in
Lanarkshire. All welcome.

June 1,2,3. The full event itself. Environmentalists from all over Europe start off there sustainable europe tour in Scotland. There 'll be workshops, actions, festivals, info, drama - you name it we'll dae it.

The event is to highlight climate change, Trans European Road Network, alternative economies, sustainable energy. If you care be there. The world is in your hands. Contact: 01555 820 555 (Talamh)

Wed 29th May: Spanish Civil War Commemoration. Poetry and music with Tom Leonard, Karen Thomson, Sadie Craigie, Leslie Benzie. Sammy Dows Bar, Polloleshields. Glasgow. £1.00/50n

Schnews Live

Crucial Cabaret. Glasgow 2nd June, 13th Note, Glassford St. Edinburgh 3rd June, Cas Rock Café.

June 14-16: Faslane Peace Camp 14th birthday. Partying and "Trash Trident" action. The camp is now facing the threat of eviction so the mair bodies the merrier. Contact: 01436 820 901

July 1st - Gathering, in beautiful Dunadd in Argyll "How much longer can the Earth endure the violence that is being inflicted apon it? Surely now it is time being together the many voices of concern, to unite them under a common banner".